IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A content acquisition method comprising:

sending file request information that requests an acquire/use file storing acquire/use content identification information and content attribute information, to an acquire/use information providing device in response to a request for content data;

receiving via a proxy device said acquire/use file that stores the content identification information and said attribute information of said content data sent by said acquire/use information providing device in response to the content data request, said content identification information and content attribute information are stored in a data area such that no information is removed when the acquire/use file passes through said proxy device;

sending content request information requesting said content data from a content providing device according to said acquire/use information contained in said acquire/use file; and

receiving said content data sent by said content providing device in response to the transmission of said content request information.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The content acquisition method according to claim 1, wherein the attribute information corresponding to said content data ~~comprises~~ includes data size information of said content data.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The content acquisition method according to claim 2, further comprising:

comparing said data size information of said content data contained in said

acquire/use file with a free space of a recording media to be used to record said content data

upon reception; and

notifying a lack of said free space in said recording media for storing the content data

if said free space in said recording media is insufficient.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The content acquisition method according to claim

2, further comprising:

comparing the data size of received content data with said data size information of

said content data contained in said acquire/use file, and determining whether the content data

has been successfully received.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The content acquisition method according to claim

2, wherein:

said receiving via a proxy device receives said acquire/use file sent in compliance

with HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol) from said acquire/use information providing

device, said acquire/use file storing said content identification information and said attribute

information of said content data in its main section.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): An acquire/use information providing method

comprising:

receiving file request information requesting an acquire/use file that stores acquire/use

content identification information and content attribute information of content data, sent by a

content acquisition device in response to a request for the content data by a content data

acquisition device; and

sending via a proxy device to said content acquisition device, said acquire/use file that

stores content data content identification information and the attribute information of the

content, said content identification information and content attribute information are stored in

a data area such that no information is removed when the acquire/use file passes through said

proxy device, in response to the received file request information.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The acquire/use information providing method

according to claim 6, wherein said attribute information corresponding to said content data

includes data size information of said content data.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The acquire/use information providing method

according to claim 7, wherein said sending via a proxy device sends said acquire/use file in

compliance with HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol), said acquire/use file storing said

content identification information and said data size information of said content data in its

main section.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A content acquisition device comprising:

a file request information sending unit configured to send ~~sending~~ file request

information that requests an acquire/use file storing acquire/use content identification

information and content attribute information, to an acquire/use information providing device

in response to a request for content data;

an information receiving unit configured to receive via a proxy device said

acquire/use file that stores the content identification information and said attribute

information of said content data sent by said acquire/use information providing device in

response to the content data request, said content identification information and content

attribute information are stored in a data area such that no information is removed when the acquire/use file passes through said proxy device;

a content request information sending unit configured to send content request information requesting said content data from a content providing device according to said acquire/use information contained in said acquire/use file; and

a content receiving unit configured to receive said content data sent by said content providing device in response to the transmission of said content request information.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The content acquisition device according to claim 9, wherein the attribute information corresponding to said content data includes data size information of said content data.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The content acquisition device according to claim 10, further comprising:

a comparison unit configured to compare the data size information of said content data contained in said acquire/use file with a free space of a recording media to be used to record said content data upon reception; and

a notification unit configured to notify a lack of said free space in said recording media for storing the content data if said free space in said recording media is insufficient.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The content acquisition device according to claim 10, further comprising:

a determination unit configured to compare the data size of received content data with said data size information of said content data contained in said acquire/use file, and determine whether the content data has been successfully received.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The content acquisition device according to claim 10, wherein:

said information receiving unit is configured to receive said acquire/use file sent in compliance with HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol) from said acquire/use information providing device, said acquire/use file storing said content identification information and said attribute information of said content data in its main section.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): An acquire/use information providing device comprising:

a request information receiving unit configured to request an acquire/use file that stores acquire/use content identification information and content attribute information of content data, sent by a content acquisition device in response to a request for the content data by a content data acquisition device; and

an information sending unit configured to send via a proxy device to said content acquisition device, said acquire/use file that stores content data content identification information and the attribute information of the content, said content identification information and content attribute information are stored in a data area such that no information is removed when the acquire/use file passes through said proxy device.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The acquire/use information providing device according to claim 14, wherein the attribute information corresponding to said content includes data size information of said content data.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The acquire/use information providing device

according to claim 14, wherein said information sending unit is configured to send the

acquire/use file in compliance with HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol), said acquire/use

file storing said content identification information and said data size information of said

content data in its main section.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A computer readable recording medium storing a

program, which when executed by a processor, causes the processor to execute a procedure

comprising:

sending file request information that requests an acquire/use file storing acquire/use

content identification information and content attribute information, to an acquire/use

information providing device in response to a request for content data;

receiving via a proxy device said acquire/use file that stores the content identification

information and said attribute information of said content data sent by said acquire/use

information providing device in response to the content data request, said content

identification information and content attribute information are stored in a data area such that

no information is removed when the acquire/use file passes through said proxy device;

sending content request information requesting said content data from a content

providing device according to said acquire/use information contained in said acquire/use file;

and

receiving said content data sent by said content providing device in response to the

transmission of said content request information.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A computer readable recording medium storing a program which when executed by a processor causes the processor to execute a procedure comprising:

receiving file request information requesting an acquire/use file that stores acquire/use content identification information and content attribute information of content data, sent by a content acquisition device in response to a request for the content data by a content data acquisition device; and

sending via a proxy device to said content acquisition device, said acquire/use file that stores content data content identification information and the attribute information of the content, said content identification information and content attribute information are stored in a data area such that no information is removed when the acquire/use file passes through said proxy device, in response to the received file request information.